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| combine_results | <i>Combine results dataframes across regions</i> |
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Description

Combine results dataframes across regions

Usage

```
combine_results(res, df_name)
```

Arguments

- res                      List of lists; contains summarized region results
- df\_name                 String; name of result being combined (sig\_pcs or percent\_var)

Value

Data Frame containing results

Examples

```
# Create example data for 'sig_pcs' and 'percent_var'
sig_pcs_example <- data.frame(pcs = c("PC1", "PC2"),
value = c(0.2, 0.4))
percent_var_example <- data.frame(pcs = c("PC1", "PC2"),
value = c(0.7, 0.3))

# Create 'res' list containing both 'sig_pcs' and 'percent_var'
res <- list(region = "Region1", sig_pcs = sig_pcs_example,
percent_var = percent_var_example)

# Example function use: Combine 'sig_pcs' across regions
combined_sig_pcs <- combine_results(res, df_name = "sig_pcs")
print(combined_sig_pcs)
```

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| compute_dimension | <i>Compute significant dimensions of a matrix using the Marchenko-Pastur or Gavish-Donoho methods</i> |
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## Description

Compute significant dimensions of a matrix using the Marchenko-Pastur or Gavish-Donoho methods

## Usage

```
compute_dimension(  
  x,  
  var_explained,  
  noise_select,  
  pc_method = c("gd", "mp"),  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                                                                                       |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | A data frame or matrix of methylation values; rows = features, columns = samples                                      |
| var_explained | A numeric vector containing the variance explained by successive PCs, sorted in decreasing order. (Used for PCAtools) |
| noise_select  | Numeric scalar specifying the variance of the random noise (Used for PCAtools)                                        |
| pc_method     | String indicating the method for estimating dimension; "gd" = Gavish-Donoho, "mp" = Marchenko-Pastur                  |
| verbose       | Boolean indicating whether to print statements while running, default = FALSE                                         |

## Value

Numeric scalar representing the optimal number of PCs to retain using the specified method

## Examples

```
x <- diag(4)  
pca_res <- PCAtools::pca(x) # Run PCA  
eig_sq <- pca_res$sdev^2 # Compute variance explained  
compute_dimension(x, eig_sq, 1, "gd")
```

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compute\_regional\_pcs    *Compute regional principal components for methylation data*

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## Description

Compute regional principal components for methylation data

## Usage

```
compute_regional_pcs(
  meth,
  region_map,
  pc_method = c("gd", "mp"),
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                                          |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| meth       | Data frame of methylation beta values, with CpGs in rows and samples in columns          |
| region_map | Data frame mapping CpGs to gene regions                                                  |
| pc_method  | Method to use for PC computation, either 'gd' (Gavish-Donoho) or 'mp' (Marchenko-Pastur) |
| verbose    | Logical, should progress messages be displayed?                                          |

## Value

A list containing several elements, including the regional PCs, percent variance, and other information

## Examples

```
# Create synthetic methylation data
meth_data <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow = 100, ncol = 10)
rownames(meth_data) <- paste0("CpG", 1:100)
colnames(meth_data) <- paste0("Sample", 1:10)

# Create a synthetic region map
region_map_data <- data.frame(
  region_id = rep(c("Gene1", "Gene2"), each = 50),
  cpg_id = rownames(meth_data)
)

# Run the function
compute_regional_pcs(meth_data, region_map_data, pc_method = 'gd')
```

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| create_region_map | <i>Create a Region Map Between CpGs and Gene Regions</i> |
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### Description

This function generates a map that assigns CpG sites to gene regions, establishing a linkage based on their genomic coordinates and providing a foundation for subsequent region-specific analyses.

### Usage

```
create_region_map(cpg_gr, genes_gr, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|          |                                                                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| cpg_gr   | A GRanges object containing the genomic positions of CpG sites.                                  |
| genes_gr | A GRanges object containing the genomic positions of gene regions (e.g., promoters) of interest. |
| verbose  | Boolean; print output statements                                                                 |

### Value

A data.frame with mappings between gene IDs and CpG IDs, facilitating associating CpG sites with their corresponding gene regions for downstream analyses.

### Examples

```
library(GenomicRanges)

# Creating dummy GRanges objects for CpG sites and gene regions
cpg_gr <- GRanges(seqnames=c("chr1", "chr1", "chr2"),
                  ranges=IRanges(start=c(100, 200, 150),
                                end=c(100, 200, 150)))
genes_gr <- GRanges(seqnames=c("chr1", "chr2", "chr2"),
                   ranges=IRanges(start=c(50, 100, 130),
                                 end=c(150, 180, 160)))
# Creating a region map using the function
region_map <- create_region_map(cpg_gr, genes_gr)
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| get_sig_pcs | <i>Get significant principal components</i> |
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### Description

Get significant principal components

### Usage

```
get_sig_pcs(x, pc_method = c("mp", "gd"), verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                                |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | A data frame or matrix of methylation values; rows = features, columns = samples                               |
| pc_method | String indicating the method for estimating dimension; "gd" = Gavish-Donoho (default), "mp" = Marchenko-Pastur |
| verbose   | Boolean; print output statements                                                                               |

**Value**

List containing four elements; sig\_pcs = significant PCs, percent\_var = percent variance explained, loadings = PC loadings, est\_dim = estimated dimension

**Examples**

```
x <- diag(4)
get_sig_pcs(x, "gd")
```

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| summarize_region | <i>Summarize a region using regional principal components</i> |
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**Description**

Summarize a region using regional principal components

**Usage**

```
summarize_region(region, region_map, meth, pc_method, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| region     | String; name of region being processed                                                                                              |
| region_map | Data frame; Mapping of CpGs to regions, column 1 should be regions, column 2 should be CpGs with the same names as the rows of meth |
| meth       | Data frame or matrix; Methylation values to summarize; rows=CpGs, columns=samples                                                   |
| pc_method  | String; indicating the method for estimating dimension; "gd"=Gavish-Donoho (default), "mp"=Marchenko-Pastur                         |
| verbose    | Boolean; print output statements                                                                                                    |

**Value**

list containing PC results

**Examples**

```
# Create the region map with just one region containing 10 CpGs
region_map <- data.frame(region_id = rep(1, 10), cpg_id = seq(1, 10))

# Create methylation data frame
set.seed(123)
meth <- as.data.frame(matrix(runif(10 * 20, min = 0, max = 1), nrow = 10))
rownames(meth) <- seq(1, 10)

# Call the function
summarize_region(1, region_map, meth, 'gd')
```

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